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## **HURRICANE HARVEY FLOODING: EPA TO CLOSE HOUSTON LAB AMIDST VITAL RECOVERY WORK**

<http://www.newsweek.com/hurricane-harvey-flooding-houston-lab-testing-contaminated-water-may-close-666373>

Hurricane Harvey—a Category 4 storm—made history as it pummeled Texas leaving behind extensive damage and more than 40 inches of rain. The catastrophic floodwaters are potentially carrying many harms, including bacteria, human waste, and deadly chemicals. To understand exactly what may be lingering in the water, employees at the [Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6 Lab](#) in Houston are conducting water tests.

### **EPA chief heads to Texas to see Harvey cleanup**

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/350925-epa-head-visits-harvey-cleanup-in-texas>  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator [Scott Pruitt](#) traveled to Houston on Friday to see Hurricane Harvey cleanup efforts and survey work by environmental officials. Pruitt toured the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site and met with leading federal and state officials involved in environmental oversight of the area's recovery from the historic storm, which dumped more than 40 inches of rain on the area, the agency said.

### **Houston launches all-out assault to combat mosquitoes in wake of Harvey**

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/houston-launches-all-out-assault-to-combat-mosquitoes-in-wake-of-harvey/>

[Hurricane Harvey](#) made landfall three weeks ago. Catastrophic floodwater from the storm left 70 dead and destroyed or damaged more than a quarter of a million homes. Now, as Houston and its surrounding areas begin to recover, people there are taking steps to head off a potential health threat: the mosquito population is expected to explode after Harvey left behind countless pools of stagnant water.

### **Corpus Christi survived tropical storm, not CAT 4 Hurricane**

<http://www.kristv.com/story/36381039/corpus-christi-survived-tropical-storm-not-cat-4-hurricane>

We made it. The Coastal Bend survived one of the meanest hurricanes to ever hit the Gulf of Mexico, but not the damage wasn't spread evenly. By all accounts, Hurricane Harvey was a monster. It made landfall Friday, August 25th as a category four.

### **Rockport's Vietnamese community seek guidance from their priest after Harvey**

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Rockport-s->

Vietnamese-community-seek-guidance-12202244.php

Father John Tran Nguyen, the Franciscan priest who serves St. Peter Catholic Church in this storm-battered coastal town, is a small, slight man whose buzz cut and sunny demeanor resemble a world-renowned man of another faith.

### **Beaumont port still restricted after Harvey**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-storm-harvey-ports/beatmont-port-still-restricted-after-harvey-idUSKCN1BQ2UF>

While crude deliveries by larger ships to Beaumont in Texas remain restricted after Hurricane Harvey, a workaround using pipelines can supply Exxon Mobil's refinery there, shipping sources said.

### **Refugio ISD to begin school Monday**

<http://www.caller.com/story/news/education/2017/09/15/refugio-isd-begin-school-monday/672962001/>

After being delayed due to damage from Hurricane Harvey, Refugio Independent School District has an official start date. All students in the district will begin school Monday, according to a Facebook post from the school district